THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) There are no reports of seeting discontent in Punjab over the implementation of the Rajiv-Longowal Accord.

(b) Rajiv-Longowal Accord included 11 items, of which 8 have already been implemented. The three items which remain to be implemented are: (1) AH India Gurudwara Act (2) Territorial Claims and (3) Sharing of Rivers Waters.

As regards All India Gurudwara Act, the Ministry of Law, Government of India has prepared a draft Bill in 1986 in pursuance of the Accord. All the State Governments/UTs were requested to give their views regarding the enactment of an All India Gurudwara Act. In response thereto, the State Government of Punjab sent another draft Bill in 1993. There has been no unanimity on this so far. In the meanwhile Chief Commissioner, Gurudwara Elections, Chandigarh prepared a draft Bill in 1999 on his own initiative which has been circulated to Shiromani Gurudwara Prabandhak Committee, Amritsar, National Commission for Minorities and the concerned State Government/UTs for their views and suggestions which are awaited.

With respect to territorial claims between Punjab and Haryana, Government of India would like the concerned States to amicably sort out their differences over the issue and would be willing the matter.

The Ravi Beas Waters Tribunal is seized of the issue regarding sharing of River Waters between the States of Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan. The Ministry of Water Resources also intends to convene a meeting of the concerned Chief Ministers.

Death in Kawadi open cast mine

*158. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kawadi open mine mine tolled 10 deaths due to accident during the month of June, 2000;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the accident; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI N.T.SHANMUGAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The reasons for the accident are being enquired into by the Director-General of Mines Safety, a statutory body of the Government of India under the Ministry of Labour. From the report received, it has been informed that while 15 (fifteen) workers were engaged for drilling and preparation for blasting operation, at about 3.50 P.M. on 24-6-2000, there was sliding of boulders and other materials from rise side of the quarry. The rolling mass moved towards the site where the workers were engaged. Sensing the trouble, five workers ran off to safer places but ten of them tried to take shelter against nearby drill machine and explosive van which got toppled trapping the workers.

(c) Action will be taken by the government after the statutory enquiry is complete.

Action Against U.P.D.S.G.

*159. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether 2000 non-tribals have been forced to flee from Karbi Anglong district of Assam due to militant dictates;

(b) whether militants killed more than 20 villagers in the district in May, 2000, as they failed to pay the annual taxes to the militants; and

(c) if so, the reasons why the State Administration is reluctant to take any action against the United People Democratic Solidarity Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) There are reports that following killings of non tribals in April and July, 2000 by United People's Democratic Solidarity (UPDS) in Karbi Anglong district of Assam; a large number of non-tribals have left the district.

(b) and (c) There were no killings in May, 2000. United People's